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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the first Office Action (Paper No. 1) dated September 26, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in the above-identified application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph beginning at page 23, line 9, has been amended as follows:

In Fig. 15, the numeral 15000 represents a division process flow definition, 1510 a resource selection rule, 15020 a resource selector A, 15-30 a sub-process executor, 15040 a workflow engine B, and 15050 a resource selector B. In Fig. 15, other components like or corresponding to those shown in Figs. 1 and 11 are designated by the same reference numerals.